interference of outside elements. As a result of amicable settlement on 24-7-87, the lock-out has been lifted with immediate effect.

Private sector participation in Power Production

22. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group set up by Government has recommended for greater participation by private sector in order to meet the power shortfall;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted its recommendations; and

(c) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Government has had under consideration the question of private sector participation in electric power generation. A Working Group was constituted to examine the modalities of participation by the private sector. The Working Group has submitted its report which is being examined.

Proposal regarding allotment of land to M/s. Reliance Industries Limited

23. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had forwarded a proposal to the Central Government for allocating certain land owned by the latter for being given to M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. for putting up thereon their PTA and LAB plants at Hazira;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any other private or public company or corporation had made any such request directly to the Central Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI B. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) No such payments have been received by the Government.

Increase in the prices of truck and bus tyres

24. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of truck and bus tyres have been increased by the tyre manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the extent of the increase and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, the Tyre companies have increased the prices of tyres approximately by 7 per cent in July 1987. The reason is stated to be the increase in cost of production by over 7.43 per cent after the last price revision of tyres in May 1986.